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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO YHOMBY-OPANGO

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED
FOLLOWING TEXT OF (UNDATED) MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
BREZHNEV TO PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO APPEARED IN CONGOLESE
LABOR PARTY NEWSPAPER, "ETUMBA," MAY 18:

2. "COMRADE PRESIDENT:
"I THANK YOU FOR THE FRIENDLY MESSAGE AND FOR THE
WARM WORDS FOUND THEREIN AND THE WISHES ADDRESSED TO
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND TO THE
SOVIET PEOPLE.

"WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH YOUR APPRECIATION OF THE
RESULTS OF THE (UNSPECIFIED) DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE
PROBLEMS OF THE (UNSPECIFIED) MOVEMENT OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF OUR PARTIES AND WE CONSIDER IT TO BE A NEW
MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREINDLY RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
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CONGOLESE LABOR PARTY.

"OUR PARTY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE
ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR MEETINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

"WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE INFORMATION ON THE
ACTIVITIES OF YOUR PARTY AND WE CONFIRM THE SOLIDARITY

OF SOVIET COMMUNISTS WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE CONGOLESE LABOR PARTY, DIRECTED AT THE DEFENSE OF THE GAINS OF THE CONGOLESE REVOLUTION AGAINST THE INTRIGUES OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REACTION, FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE OF COUNTRIES ON THE ROAD OF SOCIALIST ORIENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT. WE SHARE COMPLETELY YOUR ASPIRATION FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CONGOLESE LABOR PARTY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND THE SOVIET UNION, ON THE BASIS OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM, FOR THE SECURITY OF PEOPLES, DISARMAMENT, PEACE AND SOCIALISM.

"I WISH TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGOLESE LABOR PARTY, TO ALL THE CONGOLESE PEOPLE, NEW SUCCESSES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INDEPENDENT, PROGRESSIVE, AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO.

"WITH FRIENDLY RESPECT, L. BREZHNEV."

3. FYI: COPY OF TEXT POUCHED AF/C DIRECTOR JUNIOR.
MINOR VARIATIONS IN TEXT APPEAR IN VARIOUS MEDIA IN WHICH MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT: TONE OF MESSAGE CONFIRMS EARLIER REFERENCES BY SOVIET CHARGE AND OTHERS (BRAZZAVILLE 285) THAT CONGO IS NOT CONSIDERED BY KREMLIN TO BE A "MARXIST-LENINIST STATE". DATE OF MESSAGE, AND MESSAGE TO WHICH IT REFERS ARE UNCLEAR, AS WELL AS TO WHAT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT BREZHNEV MAY BE REFERRING. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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